



Wakarusa Maple Syrup Festival Queen Contest Friday, April 25, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

Application Deadline is Monday, March 17, 2025 Welcome to the 2025 Miss Maple Syrup Queen Contest! After the 2024 Festival's awesome turnout, we are excited and looking forward to 2025!

The Queen contest is open to all current NorthWood Middle School 6th, 7th, and 8th grade girls. Be sure to send your application and required materials in as soon as possible. Either mail in or drop off application in the Main Office at the Middle School. The application deadline is Monday, March 17th.

Spirit of Wakarusa Essay: Please include with your application a short essay (5-10 sentences) describing your favorite memory from the Maple Syrup Festival, and what the Festival means to you.

The night of the coronation, each contestant will introduce themselves on stage, model their formal/semi-formal dress on stage, and will be required to read their essay on stage. A panel of judges will determine the winners. The judges will be looking for a young lady who possesses poise, personality, intelligence, and charm and someone who will be able to represent the Wakarusa Maple Syrup Festival at different events throughout the year.

Please make sure to submit an individual picture, a good quality 3" x 5" head and shoulder color photo (non-returnable: include the name on the back). Preferably a digital image as the picture will be sent to area newspapers for publication.

If you choose to mail the required materials, mail to:

Maple Syrup Queen/Sweetheart Coronation
Wakarusa Maple Syrup Festival
PO Box 291
Wakarusa, IN 46573

Or drop off completed applications to:

Wakarusa Chamber
100 West Waterford
Wakarusa, IN 46573

**For contest questions or clarifications, please contact
Katie Stapp, Contest Coordinator, at (574)-354-1797**



RULES & REGULATIONS

1. This contest is open to all current NorthWood Middle School 6th, 7th, & 8th grade girls.
2. Contestant must be of good moral character and should possess poise, personality, intelligence, and charm.
3. Contestant must agree that if selected Miss Wakarusa Maple Syrup Queen, or a member of the Court, they will participate in ALL Miss Wakarusa Maple Syrup Queen activities (listed below). Participation in these events is not meant to be a hardship, rather an opportunity to represent the Wakarusa Maple Syrup Festival.

Required for ALL participants:

- Maple Syrup Festival Queen/Sweetheart Contest (2025)
- All participants in the 2025 contest are required to be in the 2025 Maple Syrup Parade (Saturday morning, April 26th at 10:00 a.m.) and the weekend festivities (schedule will be provided later).

Required for 2025 Queen:

- Nappanee 4th of July Parade (July 4th, 2025)
- Elkhart County 4-H Fair Parade in Goshen (July 2025)
- Nappanee Apple Festival Parade (September 2025)
- Nappanee Christmas Parade (December 2025)
- The Queen and Sweetheart will be required to help crown the 2025 Miss Apple Blossom Queen and Court at the Nappanee Apple Festival Scholarship Pageant (September 2025)
- Along with various other parades and events throughout the year, TBD

Awards will be as follows:

- Maple Syrup Queen – Crown, \$100
- First runner-up – \$75
- Second runner-up – \$50
- People's Choice - \$50
- Spirit of Wakarusa essay winner – \$25

Important dates to remember:

- Application deadline: Monday, March 17th
- Rehearsal: Wednesday, April 23rd
- Queen Coronation: Friday, April 25th at 6:00 pm, arrival time 5:00 pm
- Festival Parade: Saturday, April 26th at 10:00 am, arrival time 9:45 am



Wakarusa Maple Syrup Queen Application

(This information will be used for the newspaper write-ups and announced during the coronation)

Student's Full Name: _____

Parent's Names: (if divorced, list separately) _____

Siblings: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____ Text: Yes or No (please circle)

Please circle: 6th, 7th, or 8th

Email that is checked regularly: _____

Birth date & Age: _____

Community Activities: (School, sports, 4-H, Church, etc.): _____

Hobbies: _____

What is your ambition in life/Future Career: _____

List 3 words that best describe you: _____

Why do you want to become the next Maple Syrup Queen? _____

I hereby agree to abide by the Rules and Regulations as set forth above. If these requirements and regulations are not met, then it is understood that disqualification and/or forfeiture of any title will take place by the Wakarusa Maple Syrup Committee. I understand that I will be a representation of the Wakarusa Maple Syrup Festival and its Committee and will participate in all required events.

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

Date: _____